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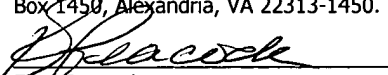
**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  
(AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE)**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of November 4, 2004, please do not enter the amendments submitted on December 22, 2004, and consider the following:

- *Claim Amendments*, which begin on page 2 of this paper; and
- *Remarks*, which begin on page 7 of this paper.

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